

# Parent / carer council @ New Fosseway



Minutes

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Attended (register attached)

Issue	Discussion	Action point
Welcome	Judy welcomed all – settle, tea coffee and biscuits.	
Introductions and apologies	Round of introductions including Jess (PSA). Apologies - Jenny	
Judy to talk through SIP	<p>This is Year 3 of 3 of SIP.</p> <p>It is a working document and can be added to by all. Inclusion with mainstream. <b>JB</b> offered chance to add to SIP. Ways of teaching being shared with Bridge Primary, including Rapid Reading. Other schemes to try include Every Child A Reader.</p> <p>Slight changes made to way curriculum is taught. Increased amounts of items can be reduced. Targets for students are in line with country wide comparison.</p> <p>Parent/carers views on how the Annual Reviews are carried out have been fed back to the council.</p> <p>Aiming High funding will end March 2011.</p> <p>Ideas for future fundraising include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collecting old printer cartridges &amp; mobile phones</li> <li>• Research websites that offer free stuff to schools.</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale</li> </ul> <p>New Fosseway is considering this year what it's specialism could be – possibly communication, or special needs in general.</p>	
Freja to talk through Holiday Club – feedback	<p>Parents felt that: “Children loved it” and “Organisation was better”</p> <p>Changes could be made to parents letter, and support offered by <b>JC</b> so that money can be collected promptly and in advance from all parents.</p> <p>Parent Council members will write piece for newsletter pointing out that more funds need to be raised.</p>	

Lorraine to talk through actions (response to survey)	<p>As a direct response to parent/carer questionnaires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More after school clubs starting.</li> <li>• We are looking into ideas to continue funding holiday activity sessions.</li> <li>• Parent/Carer directory will be updated and a new copy sent home.</li> <li>• Communicating with newsletters and text messages were popular so will continue. The new website is also up and running.</li> <li>• A coffee morning has been arranged to talk about what goes on for your children during 'Out Of Hours'.</li> <li>• Coffee Mornings will alternate between Mondays and Thursdays so that more people can attend.</li> </ul>	
Jess (campus wide PSA to introduce herself)	<p><b>Jess</b> is the new PSA. She will be working on Mondays 8am-3.30pm and can be contacted through the school office (direct mobile number to follow). She will do more 1-1 work with parents and families, and can offer support on anything that you need help with.</p>	<p><b>JC</b> to inform parents/carers of mobile number through newsletter and via text.</p>
Any other business	<p>Staff have offered to support parents/carers by looking after children on Saturdays, while they do their Christmas shopping. Tracey suggested Thursday late night shopping nights. Children could stay at school until 6pm only if parents could pick them up.</p> <p>Discussed ideas for increasing numbers attending Parent/Carer Council, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earlier start to encourage parents/carers dropping off children to stay.</li> <li>• Parent message board on website so offer lift shares, etc.</li> </ul>	
Next coffee morning – plan (poster included)	<p>Who should we be inviting?</p>	
Future sessions to include	<p>Communication, book making, Christmas carols, Makaton, PECS.</p> <p>Parent work groups – split time between chatting about issues and doing practical</p>	

	tasks that can help the school, e.g. texting parents/carers about upcoming events. Parents would like opportunity to sit in during classes to see how children are taught.	
Date of next meeting	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	

Continue notes if necessary: